

# Heart of Compassion (HOC)

In October, we went to Heart of Compassion (HOC) to pick up some donations that Pastor Eric had set aside for AVAG. HOC has been so generous to us and has made it possible to bless our communities with the items they provide.

To show our appreciation, we presented gifts to the guys and girls that work there, and we surprised Pastor Eric with a beautiful quilt made by So Cal Quilts of Valor.

Pastor Eric Tietze served in the U.S. Army from 1973 to 1975, during the Vietnam era, but was stationed in Germany. He was an expert with the M-16 and grenades and was a marksman.

Thank you to HOC for their generous donations, which have blessed so many in our communities. To learn more about HOC, visit heartofcompassionca.org. **X** 













## **American Legion Post 295–Cypress**

Our AVAG team supported the Marine Corps Riders fundraiser. This is our last fundraiser for the year at American Legion Post 295. Everyone had a great time!





















## Hope Chapel Huntington Beach

The American Veterans Assistance Group (AVAG) is proud to partner with Hope Chapel Huntington Beach, the host location for our monthly Veterans Connect group. It has been inspiring to see so many veterans who first connected with us through these gatherings now becoming part of the Hope Chapel community. We also welcome Rick Sundell from DAV 23 and his wife, who have recently joined the church.

On December 15, 2024, AVAG organized a Children's Gift-Giving Event at Hope Chapel, bringing the spirit of generosity and community to local families. This special event gave children the opportunity to choose gifts for their loved ones, completely free of charge, teaching them the joy of giving. The day was filled with holiday cheer, with Santa taking photos, refreshments being served, and a festive atmosphere that made the event truly special.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Hope Chapel for providing a welcoming space for our veterans and for supporting this meaningful event. A special thank you to our chaplaincy team, team leaders, and Richard Sundell for their dedication to making the day a success. We are also grateful to Heart of Compassion Distribution for donating Disney treats and hats, adding an extra touch of holiday magic for the families we serve. X











## **A Community of Giving:** AVAG's Toy Drive Brings Holiday Joy

This holiday season, AVAG was blessed with an outpouring of generosity from our partners, businesses, organizations, and community members who helped make our annual toy drive a success. Thanks to their kindness, we will be able to bring joy to the children of veterans and low-income families during our big toy giveaway this December.

A heartfelt thank you to those who placed toy collection boxes in their locations and rallied their communities to give:

- Hope Chapel 2 boxes
- American Legion Cypress 1 box
- Cherokee Mobile Home Park 3 boxes
- Casitas Laverne Mobile Home Park 1 box
- Creek Orange Mobile Home Park 1 box
- VFW Anaheim 1 box
- ekklesia.today Church 1 box
- Marine Corp Riders Bike Night Fundraiser 1 box
- Karta Motorwerks (Atrak Rahmani)- 1 box
- Westmount Senior Living 1 box
- Next Level Fitness (Travis Mayfield) 1 box
- Wilma's Patio Restaurant (Sheri Drewry) 1 box
- Amanda Elekes of the Joint Forces Training Base 1 box and scooters

The spirit of giving is alive and well, and we are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed. Your generosity ensures that these children will experience the joy and magic of the holiday season. Thank you for standing with us and supporting our veterans' families. **X** 









Amanda Elkes with the toy collection box which was located at the Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos. The contents filled the trunk of her vehicle.



## Bringing Christmas Joy to AVAG Families







Our sincere appreciation goes to **Amanda Elekes** for her role in securing sponsors for children. Overflowing with joy, they eagerly unwrapped a few gifts while saving others for Christmas morning, filling their homes with happiness.

A heartfelt thank you to Amanda for also sponsoring the Gutierrez family during this difficult time. After the devastating loss of their infant son in August, your kindness brought so much joy and comfort to their lives.



Special thanks to **Jason Cruz** from Meals on the Grill for his selfless act of kindness. We received a heartbreaking call from a veteran's family at Glen Aire Mobile Home Park, sharing the tragic loss of their granddaughter, leaving behind a young son. Jason's generosity will surely bring solace during this difficult time. Please keep them in your prayers, and may this act of love bring a glimmer of hope to their lives. The magic of Christmas was made even more special this year thanks to the generosity of our incredible sponsors. Your kindness and generosity made this Christmas unforgettable for so many families. Thank you for being a beacon of hope and love in our community.





We also extend our deep gratitude to **Dianna Roper Knight** for partnering with American Veterans Assistance Group (AVAG) to sponsor a wonderful veteran family for Christmas. Your generosity has made a meaningful impact.



Thank you to Nancy and Lloyd Hall for sponsoring three beautiful girls from Sequoia Mobile Home Park. Your generosity and love truly blessed them this holiday season.





Thank you to Jen and Daniel for sponsoring little Daniel for Christmas. Your support has helped brighten the holidays for veterans' children.

## **AVAG Supports Veterans at the VA**

AVAG Chaplain Doreen Matsumoto continues her work supporting veterans through visits to the Veterans Administration (VA) offices in Long Beach.

In October, Chaplain Doreen and Jason, a retired U.S. Navy SEAL who regularly participates in AVAG's Veterans Connect program, extended a helping hand to two veterans at the Long Beach Veterans Affairs (LBVA) facility. Their mission was to assist these veterans as needed, ensuring they receive the support and care they have earned through their service.

Among the veterans they met was Mr. Espinoza, a distinguished combat veteran of the Vietnam War and a double Purple Heart recipient, having been wounded twice in his legs during combat. Recognizing his need for medical assistance and benefits, Doreen and Jason guided him through the process of starting his claim and setting up medical appointments.

In November, AVAG's dedication to supporting veterans continued with a visit to the LBVA Blind Rehabilitation Center. The team organized a spirited game of bingo. To add to the fun, they substituted traditional numbers with military terms such as "Battalion 10," "Infiltrator 18," "Navy 32," "Guard Duty 44," and "Osprey 57," among others.

Generosity was also on display as Wendy donated pumpkin and cranberry orange bread, which was entrusted to Liz to distribute among the veterans during their shared meal. Additionally, each veteran received a gift bag containing hats and insulated mugs.

AVAG's dedication to supporting veterans at the VA highlights the ongoing commitment to ensuring that no veteran is left behind. X











## AVAG Connects with Special Forces Association Chapter 78

AVAG Chaplain Doreen Matsumoto has continued to attend the monthly meetings of Special Forces Association Chapter 78, a group composed mostly of retired Army Special Forces members. Her invocations at the start of the meetings are always appreciated by the group members. She has been able to connect with members and has offered assistance to many. The members always enjoy the goodies that she brings along to distribute before the start of the meeting.

Chaplain Doreen was invited to perform the invocation for the chapter's annual Christmas Party, which she attended along with AVAG members Mary Cruz and Paul Buron. Cadets from the Sunburst Youth Academy were on hand to act as color guard, and one of them sang the U.S. National Anthem.

Guest speaker U.S. Army LTC Johann Hindert reflected on the state of current affairs and the obligation that, as Green Berets, they have to seek ways to offer their unique attributes and training to aid society.













# **AVAG Communities** Holiday Cheer and Year-End Activities

## **Cherokee Senior Mobile Home Park**

The last quarter of 2024 was a whirlwind of festive activity for the Cherokee Mobile Home Park community in Anaheim.

October kicked off the quarter with a well-attended Veterans meeting, complete with delicious food provided by Atrak Rahmani of Karta Motorwerks. The Halloween theme added an extra layer of fun, with a costume contest taking center stage. Commander Manuel Martinez, dressed as a Zoot suitor, and veteran Jim Long, channeling Wyatt Earp, shared the \$50 prize for best costume. Donna Graham also impressed as Disney's fairy godmother, winning the best female costume. The meeting featured two important guest speakers: Bryan Thom from the Long Beach VA Homeless Task Force, and Karen Rossi, a senior elder financial abuse specialist from the Council on Aging, who spoke about the Senior Protection Program and the Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST).

There was a great turnout for November's AVAG Thanksgiving luncheon. A special thank you to the City of Anaheim Recreation Department, who came out and brought special ornaments for the residents to paint for Thanksgiving. Jason Cruz from Meals on the Grill prepared a scrumptious meal. Amazing raffle prizes were donated by commander Manuel Martinez. And an extra special thanks to our volunteers—we couldn't do without our your help! December's AVAG Christmas party was the highlight of the season! Commander Manuel Martinez generously supplied raffle prizes, and the fun Christmas contests were a hit.

A spirited duet contest showcased the talents of Marine Corps veterans Franco and Wayne singing "Jingle Bells," Air Force veteran Doug Zimmer and Donna Grims performing "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," and Lupe and Rose leading the kids in a lively "Feliz Navidad" and conga line. However, the standout performance belonged to Cristina and Army veteran Peter, whose rendition of "Silent Night" in both English and Chinese was a truly moving and unforgettable experience.

Army Vietnam veteran Charlie Aroz, dressed as Santa Claus, and Atrak served as judges for the cookie contest. Donna Grims' sugar cookies, Carol's chocolate chip face cookies, and Lupe's macaroons were contenders, but Lupe took home the prize. The human wrapping contest saw fierce competition between Irene and Becky, Atrak and Rose, and Jack and Rose-Marie, with Rose and Atrak emerging victorious. Donna Grims proved her Christmas song knowledge by winning the "Name That Tune" game, and the beautifully decorated tables were judged, with two winners announced. A Christmas attire contest, featuring 20 participants in their festive best, was won by Becky Martinez. There was an abundance of food and desserts, contributed by residents, the commander's sandwiches, and Atrak provided chicken. Contest winners received prizes and gift cards, and special gifts were distributed to all attendees. X

























## Santiago Creek Orange Estates

Our AVAG meetings at Santiago Creek Orange Estates continue to be a success, bringing together veterans, their families, and community members for support, education, and camaraderie.

At October gathering, we had an excellent turnout and were privileged to hear from guest speakers on Medicare and the new perks available. Lisa Abbott shared insights on Home Health, while her husband, Craig Abbott, spoke about the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) organization. As always, our commander did a fantastic job organizing the event, and we all enjoyed pizza from Costco. Veterans and their spouses were honored with military bracelets as a token of appreciation for their service.

Beyond our meetings there, AVAG is dedicated to helping those in need. We recently assisted Charles from Creek Orange by replacing his door lock, washing his windows, and helping him donate unwanted furniture to the Salvation Army. A special thanks to Natalie Favela from Cottonwood Church for her invaluable support in making this happen.

In November, our Creek Orange veterans and community members gathered for a special Thanksgiving Dinner. The delicious meal was prepared by Jason Cruz from Meals on the Grill, with residents contributing desserts and appetizers. This gathering was made possible through the dedication of Commander Glenn Williamson and Nancy Novak. We also took time to remember and honor David Brammer, a Navy veteran who had recently passed. Navy veteran Carolina Hernandez, representing the Salvation Army, shared about the organization's services for veterans. The evening was filled with fellowship, raffles, and generous donations from DAV Chapter 23, who provided USA hats for attendees. Despite exceeding our expected headcount, Jason ensured there was enough food for everyone-truly a blessing reminiscent of the biblical story of the fish and loaves.

December was a time of joy and festive celebrations. AVAG hosted a well attended Christmas party, which was filled with laughter and holiday spirit. Highlights included a Christmas duet singing contest featuring Doug Zimmer and Kathy Watson performing "Jingle Bells," and veteran Kenny Boham singing "Silent Night" with his sister Dorothy. Attendees also enjoyed a Christmas pass-along gift exchange, a cookie contest with two winners, and fun competitions like guessing Christmas songs and a Christmas sweater contest. Once again, a heartfelt thank-you to Commander Glenn and his wife, Nancy, for their dedication in making this event such a success.

As we step into a new year, we thank everyone who contributes their time, resources, and heart to this community—we couldn't do it without you! 🖌





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#### Heart of Compassion Partners with AVAG for Creek Orange Shopping Expedition

To close out the year, AVAG partnered with Heart of Compassion to support our veterans and veterans' widows by taking them grocery shopping. It was a truly uplifting experience, made even more special by the generosity of Pastor Eric, who provided gift cards to cover the expenses. A special acknowledgment to Jackie, the manager at Albertsons on Collins Street in Orange, for her kindness and support. Thanks to this partnership, we were able to provide groceries and even purchase flowers for Mrs. Lattimore, spreading a little extra joy during the holiday season.



## **Diamond Bar Estates**

#### Halloween Fun for the Kids

Our Diamond Bar Estates Kids Club celebrated Halloween with an exciting party and costume contest! The children had a fantastic time, enjoying pizza and raffle prizes. The winners of the costume contest took home gift cards, adding to the fun of the day. They also played bingo and won delightful Disneythemed items generously provided by Heart of Compassion. A huge thank you to our dedicated Bible study group, whose volunteer efforts made this event such a success!

#### **Thanksgiving Blessings**

Thanksgiving was a time of giving and gratitude as we worked with Flagman Frank to secure turkeys for families in need. We distributed these at Diamond Bar Estates. Seeing the happiness on the faces of those we helped, including veteran Daniel Kellogg (the man in the center in the photo at right), was truly heartwarming. What a blessing it was to share in this spirit of generosity!

#### **A Special Christmas Celebration**

What an amazing AVAG Christmas event we had for the children at Diamond Bar Estates! It was a joy to collaborate with the park's manager, Yessie, to make this day special for so many families. Each child received a toy and had the opportunity to take pictures with Santa—portrayed by our wonderful Navy veteran, Michael Goens.

The festivities included fantastic raffle prizes such as bikes, scooters, skateboards, and other exciting toys. The holiday spirit was in full swing as everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch featuring chicken, strawberries, and an array of desserts.

We extend our gratitude to our friends at Heart of Compassion Distribution for providing chips and snacks, making the event even more delightful. The celebration wasn't just for the little ones—our teenagers participated in a special raffle for Dr. Dre Beats AirPods, and the adults had their own raffle with gift cards to popular spots like Starbucks, Denny's, and Chick-fil-A.

A heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers who made these holiday events possible. Your generosity and dedication truly made a difference in our community!













### **Pacific Palms MHP**

#### **October: Fellowship and Fun**

Our October monthly potluck was a special time spent with veterans and residents. Freshly prepared meals from Bracken's Kitchen were provided for residents to take home, and we enjoyed a delicious potluck, complete with pizza. After lunch, we played a lively game of Left Right Center, where Elise won a \$25 Food 4 Less gift card!

Thanks to Heart of Compassion, we were also able to distribute a variety of donated items, including a fun collection of Disney-themed gifts. A highlight of the day was presenting two \$50 gift cards to veterans Mr. Green and Mr. Sower, generously provided by DAV 23.

#### **November: A Special AVAG Thanksgiving**

We celebrated Thanksgiving in a special way, honoring our veterans and guests with thoughtful gifts from Children Giving Gifts. The room was filled with excitement as Frank A. Waldrop called out the numbers for BINGO, where winners received \$25 Food 4 Less gift cards!

Bracken's Kitchen once again provided freshly prepared meals, ensuring everyone had something delicious to take home. Heart of Compassion contributed even more items for a raffle, adding to the festive spirit of gratitude and giving.

## December: Coming Together in Support of the Martinez Family

When the Martinez family tragically lost their home to a fire, AVAG stepped in to organize a remarkable fundraiser at Pacific Palms MHP. The event was a tremendous success, raising nearly \$2,000 to help with their expenses.

The Martinez family graciously cooked tacos, beans, and rice, while various organizations came together to donate incredible raffle prizes. Special thanks to Heart of Compassion Distribution, Children Giving Gifts, and the Richard Breunig Foundation for their generous contributions. Even Santa himself made an appearance, bringing extra Christmas joy to the event!

A huge thank you to all our veterans who helped with setup and teardown—pulling off a fundraiser like this takes an army, and we're grateful for each and every one of you. **X** 





















## **Rancho La Paz Mobile Home Park**

Rancho La Paz Mobile Home Park monthly meetings bring together residents, veterans, and special guests, and October's meeting was no exception. The attendees had the privilege of hearing from Nelson Cook, who shared his personal testimony and military experiences. They also welcomed Paul Jones, a candidate for the 62nd district, who introduced himself and shared his vision for the future.

A highlight was the distribution of gift cards to some of the veterans. One of the \$50 gift cards from DAV 23 was presented to Army veteran John Hodges. In addition, Brian Williams brought a special treat—a Halloween-themed container filled with candy, and attendees had fun guessing the number of candies for a chance to take it home. The group enjoyed a meal from In-N-Out Burger, complemented by homemade side dishes graciously brought by some of the guests.

At November's meeting representatives from the City of Anaheim's Recreation Department who provided valuable information about community activities for seniors and veterans. They led a creative activity where everyone painted a leaf and wrote what they were thankful for in preparation for Thanksgiving.

Military baseball caps and thoughtfully assembled gift bags were distributed. Guest speaker Mike Talleda from Wounded Heroes shared the inspiring story of his foundation and the meaningful work it does to support veterans in need. A delicious catered lunch, was provided by Jason Cruz with Meals on the Grill

The holiday season at Rancho La Paz was especially meaningful this year the life of Jack Gutman, who passed away in early December, was celebrated, reminding all present that every day is a gift. Jack's legacy will live on through the countless lives he touched. His 77-year marriage to Jo serves as a shining example of love's endurance.

Natalie and her fiancé, Michael, graced all with their beautiful voices. The community honored Jack's memory with a delicious lunch and engaging Christmas games. The wrapping contest, Christmas attire contest, and duo singing competition brought out the best in everyone. Brian Williams' delicious cookies earned him a well-deserved win. The gift card exchange added to the joy. The group were honored to have the Long Beach VA Blind Rehab Veterans join the meeting, thanks to Liz Greco's efforts. Commander Pepper's exceptional leadership made the event truly unforgettable. X









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#### A Special Thanksgiving Celebration at Rancho La Paz

What an incredible evening we had as AVAG provided 150 Thanksgiving meals to the seniors at Rancho La Paz in Anaheim. The AVAG partnered with Pastor Crispin Tenorio and Pastor Melinda Tenorio from ekklesia.today Church to bring both physical and spiritual nourishment to our community.

The evening began with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Michael Martin, followed by an invocation by Chaplain Doreen. Resource tables were available, including representatives from the City of Anaheim Recreation Department and Southern California Home Health and Medicare, offering valuable information for attendees.

The event was filled with uplifting Christian music, performed by the ekklesia.today Church band. Air Force veteran Brian Williams delivered a moving rendition of "Amazing Grace."

A full, catered Thanksgiving meal was served, complete with delicious desserts. Every attendee also received a special gift from Children's Giving Gifts. The celebration was made even more meaningful with the help of a special volunteer team—kids from a Fellowship of Christian athletes—who generously gave their time to serve the community.

The evening concluded with an invitation to come to Christ, and in a powerful moment, the entire room stood up, reflecting the deep spiritual impact of the gathering.



### **Santiago Estates Of Mojave**

AVAG was able to provide joy for the children of the Mojave community through toys and scooters and essential baby items. Special thanks to SGM Chris Wood from the California Army National Guard located at the Joint Forces Training Base for ensuring their safe transportation to the kids. Sincere gratitude to Richard Breunig Foundation, Mellissa Arriola Breunig, and David Breunig for generously supplying all of the baby items. Thank you also to Amanda Elekes for her help securing the scooters. We are deeply grateful for the collective efforts of our partners, who made this possible. X



## Sequoia Plaza MHP

#### **October Gatherings and Halloween Fun**

October was a month filled with connections and fun. The monthly AVAG meeting was well attended, with Sequoia residents, along with residents from Pacific Palm and Orangewood MHP, gathering to share a meal, enjoy fellowship, and engage in friendly games like Left Right Center, hosted by Paul, a crowd favorite. Later in the month, the children of Sequoia Plaza enjoyed a special Halloween event. While some kids arrived in costumes, even those who didn't had a great time. The event was a fun for all, as they received candy bags and selected Disney items generously donated by Heart of Compassion.











#### A Thanksgiving Celebration to Remember

November's AVAG meeting took on a special meaning as it became a Thanksgiving celebration. Despite a late flyer distribution, personal outreach ensured a strong turnout, demonstrating the strong relationships within the community. Jason Cruz with Meals on the Grill provided a delicious catered meal with residents contributing delicious sides, desserts, and fruit. A highlight of the evening was the special gifts distributed to every resident. With love in their hearts, the children of the community took pride in passing out these gifts, making the evening even more meaningful.



















#### **Bringing Holiday Cheer in December**

The holiday spirit was in full swing at Sequoia Plaza in December, beginning with a heartfelt Toy Giveaway on December 14. Thanks to the generosity of Children Giving Gifts, children not only received presents but also had the opportunity to select gifts for their parents. The event featured an exciting raffle, courtesy of David and Mellissa Breunig with the Richard Breunig Foundation, with incredible prizes such as Dr. Dre Beats, AirPods, and Hot Wheels for the little ones, and Heart of Compassion Distribution and Coca-Cola contributed snacks and refreshments for all.

The celebrations continued with the annual AVAG Christmas Party, an evening of food, laughter, and holiday spirit. Residents engaged in entertaining activities, including a Christmas wrapping contest where participants wrapped each other in festive paper, a baking contest, and a Christmas attire contest. A Christmas duet performance and an exciting present pass-along game added to the joy of the evening, making it an unforgettable night for all.













## **Walmart Adventure Brings Smiles to Local Veterans**









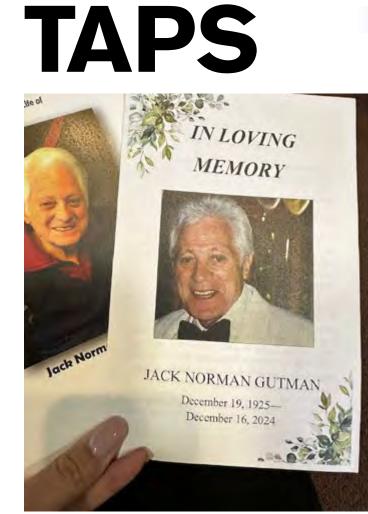


and camaraderie made it all worthwhile! 🗴



Chaplain Doreen Matsumoto recently led a lively group of 10 veterans on a shopping spree at Walmart in Rialto, thanks to a generous \$1,000 donation from Scott McReynolds. Veterans from Sequoia, Mountain View, Orangewood Estates, and Pacific Palms Mobile Home Parks enjoyed picking out clothes, electronics, household essentials, and even a few toys for their families. While \$100 per person doesn't go as far as it used to, they managed to find great deals—and had plenty of fun along the way. Keeping everyone together was a bit of a challenge, but the smiles







#### Jack Gutman

United States Navy veteran Jack Gutman lived an incredibly courageous life. A World War II veteran and a veteran's advocate, he was also a devoted father, grandfather, and a loving husband to Mary Jo, for 77 years. Jack passed away on December 16, 2024, just three days short of what would have been his 99th birthday.

Jack selflessly saved countless lives as a Corpsman, bravely serving our country in the invasion of Normandy on D-Day, and, a year later, in Okinawa. These were some of the bloodiest battles of WWII. What Jack referred to as the "absolute nightmare" of the experiences led to his suffering from post-traumatic stress for over 60 years before he sought treatment.

After treatment, Jack wrote a book about his experience entitled *One Veteran's Journey to Heal the Wounds of War.* His story also has been documented by the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana. He dedicated his life to speaking with fellow veterans and encouraging them to seek help with PTSD as he had.

Jack is survived by his wife, daughters Lesley Schiedow and Paula Shaw, son Craig Gutman and his wife Marilyn. He has five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

We felt honored that he was a member of American Veterans Assistance Group. X









#### Michael Scuro

U.S. Navy veteran Michael Scuro, a member of the Westmount of Cypress Senior Living community, passed away on October 28, 2024. In his 23 years of service, Lieutenant Commander (ret.) Mike Scuro served in Vietnam where he flew search and rescue helicopters, and later picked up the astronauts on the Apollo mission.

Chaplain Doreen met him at a veterans event that AVAG sponsored. Over the last few of years she has ministered to Mike and his family. As AVAG Chaplain she arranged for to fulfill Mike's request for an electric wheelchair. The look on his face when he immediately rode it around the parking lot as soon as he was seated was priceless. Mike was so happy to be able to get around independently.

Mike was interned at Riverside National Cemetery with AVAG Chaplain Douglas Zimmer acting as celebrant. He is survived by his wife and daughter, Angie. **X** 



#### John "Pops" Walker

U.S. Army veteran John Walker, AKA "Pops," passed away in December, 2024, just two month's after his well-celebrated 95th birthday, as was reported on earlier in this issue.

Pops was a Korean War veteran, was a race car driver, and also rode a motorcycle up to age 93. He was a part of our Veterans Connect discipleship group, and came out to support all of our Veterans events.

He was also a member of the Marine Riders group in Cypress, where Chaplain Doreen first met him in at a Bike Night in 2004. Pops and his son, Tim Walker, attended every fundraiser there.

It's hard to believe he's gone to be with the Lord. Pops will be missed by many. ♥





# In Memoriam





#### **Charles Lattimore**

It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to Charles Michael Lattimore, an original member of our AVAG community and a proud United States Marine Corps veteran.

As one of our valued veterans from the Santiago Creekside Estates community, we were honored to provide assistance with home repairs and VA benefits. Charles was a joy to interact with, always displaying a warm smile and genuine appreciation for our support. He actively participated in community events and proudly displayed the US flag we presented to him.

We extend our condolences to his wife, children, and grandchildren, as they mourn the loss of a loving family member, who would have celebrated 48 years of marriage this month.

We take comfort in knowing that he is now at peace with our Lord Jesus in heaven. 🗴



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